

IN HONOR OF SUE BIERMAN

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, with great sorrow I rise to pay tribute to a beloved San Francisco political and civic leader, Sue Bierman, who died on August 7, 2006. I join my constituents in honoring five decades of tireless service to the people of San Francisco. Sue Bierman leaves a great legacy of compassion, courage and conviction. For those of us involved in San Francisco politics, her passing is a personal as well as a civic loss to our city.

Sue Bierman was a leader who challenged the conscience of our community every day. As a relentless advocate for poor people, for social and economic justice, and for protecting our neighborhoods and our environment, the affectionate name 'Susie' instilled fear and love at the same time. She brought wisdom and compassion to all the causes she undertook.

As a private citizen in the 1950's and 1960's, she became a neighborhood leader who fought to stop the central freeway from destroying her neighborhood—Haight Ashbury, the Pan Handle and Golden Gate Park. For the next forty years she continued to defend the rights, the character and the beauty of San Francisco's neighborhoods.

In 1980 Mayor George Moscone appointed her to the Planning Commission, where she was the sole voice opposing unrestricted downtown development and demanded that developers provide affordable housing, day care and parks.

In 1992 she was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors where she served two terms. She earned the respect and affection of her colleagues. She became a leading advocate for San Francisco's tenants and continued to champion our neighborhoods. After being forced out of office by term limits, she became active in Senior Action Network and continued her participation in Democratic politics.

She took great pride in her family and great interest in the well being of all San Francisco families. Everyone who cares about our children's future is deeply in her debt.

I hope it is a comfort to her beautiful family, whom she loved so dearly, that so many people are mourning her passing and will hold her in their hearts forever.

TRIBUTE TO PHOEBE STROBEL

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Phoebe Strobel as an example of excellence for community service and to congratulate her on her retirement. Having contributed great services to her community in both Millcreek and Warren County, it is my hope that she will continue to share her talents and prosper in the years to come.

Strobel is a graduate of Lock Haven University and Edinboro University, where she earned a masters degree in elementary edu-

cation. She has taught at both Asbury Elementary School in Millcreek and Pittsfield Elementary School in Warren. She has just retired in June 2006 after teaching third grade for thirty-six years at Asbury School, for which she received a citation from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania House of Representatives sponsored by Representative Matthew Good and John Evans in congratulations. Her talents have distinguished her from among other teachers. This enabled her to receive the Pennsylvania Parent-Teacher Association Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.

Throughout her career as a teacher, Strobel represented education's finest by serving in various associations and committees. She is dedicated to the Northwestern Region Pennsylvania Education Association (PSEA). Serving on the PACE team for 10 years, she has been the PACE Director for Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2002, the PSEA Legislative Committee Co-chair from 1998 to 2002, and a state delegate to the PSEA House of Delegates thirty-six times and eight times as a national delegate to the National Education Association Representative Assembly. Beside her state and national participation, she was also active within community boards, serving the Millcreek Education Association as Secretary and Executive Board member from 1996 to 2002 and as Asbury's Building Representative from 1986 to 2002. She was also a member of the Warren County Education Association Executive Board from 1980 to 1986.

Strobel represents the devotion of an individual to her community and to education. Her example demonstrates the importance of education and involvement that affects the lives of parents and students. For her accomplishments, she deserves congratulations.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me at this time in recognizing the service of Phoebe Strobel and in congratulating her on her retirement with wishes of continued success in all her endeavors.

IN MEMORY OF ARMY STAFF
SERGEANT KENNETH JENKINS**HON. MIKE ROSS**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Army Staff Sergeant Kenneth Jenkins of Fouke, Arkansas, who died on August 12, 2006, fighting for his country in Baghdad, Iraq, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Kenneth Jenkins, just 25 years old, was killed during combat while conducting a checkpoint operation. Kenneth Jenkins was assigned to the Army's 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood, Texas.

Kenneth Jenkins enlisted in the Army in July of 1999, was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and was scheduled to return home in less than 90 days from his death. Kenneth Jenkins was a decorated soldier with a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He had previously completed tours to Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia and Cuba. While not serving our country, Kenneth Jenkins enjoyed working on his car and physical fitness, but his family and friends always came first.

I am deeply saddened by the tragic loss of soldiers from Arkansas, who have died while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. These brave Americans lost their lives while making the ultimate sacrifice to serve our country, and I will be forever grateful to them for their courageous spirit.

Kenneth Jenkins gave his life to serve our country and will forever be remembered as a hero, a son, and a husband. My deepest condolences go out to his wife Brandy; his mother Theresa; his sister Stephani Richard, and his brother, Mack. I know Army Staff Sergeant Jenkins was proud of his service to the U.S. Army and to our country. He will be missed by his family, fellow soldiers, and all those who knew him and counted him as a friend. I will continue to keep Kenneth Jenkins and his family in my thoughts and prayers.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF REV. DR. NELSON "FUZZY"
THOMPSON**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the achievements of Reverend Doctor Nelson "Fuzzy" Thompson, a minister, humanitarian, community activist, and a resident of the Fifth District of Missouri, which I am honored to represent. This week, Rev. Thompson is to be inducted into the Missouri Walk of Fame during a reception as part of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference, an event held to honor the achievements of African-Americans who have made significant contributions to Missouri.

Rev. Thompson graduated from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Education, and received a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry at St. Paul School of Theology.

Rev. Thompson's reputation as a community leader extends beyond the local or national level, but is inclusive of the international community. He was one of 22 U.S. ministers that traveled to South Africa on a fact finding educational exchange, at the request of Bishop Desmond Tutu, President Nelson Mandela, and the South African Council of Churches. "Fuzzy," as he is affectionately known, was one of three U.S. ministers to conduct Easter services for U.S. hostages held in Tehran, Iran in 1980. He was also one of 17 U.S. ministers and activists who served as official observers for the first election ever held in South Africa that allowed the right to vote to all races. He said it was a humbling experience seeing people lining up the night before and standing for blocks in order to exercise their right to vote for the first time.

"Fuzzy" is currently President of the Kansas City Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He has served on multiple boards, including as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Freedom Incorporated and as a member for the Black Adoption Program and Services, and Human Rights Commission of Kansas City, Missouri.

For those reasons and more, it is indeed an honor and privilege to recognize "Rev. Fuzzy" at the Missouri Walk of Fame reception,